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APPLICATIONS ON STORAGE AREA NETWORK COMPONENTS

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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to a final office action in the above case dated July 18, 2006 ("Final Office Action), in which the Examiner rejected all the pending claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) by cited art. On January 12th, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner had a phone interview discussing the prior art rejection and proposed amendments to the claims. Applicants submit herewith a summary of the agenda and a proposed amendment discussed during the interview. Applicants amended the claims as discussed and request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amendments. Applicants further added claims 38-40. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that all pending claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 21-36 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.